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Statewide Discussions About
“All Things CERT”

Salt Lake City, Utah – Dr. Stephen Rundquist, Utah’s new State CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program director, will host a series of “CERT Conversations” statewide. “The only way I can be of real service to Utah’s CERT Community is to actually meet and talk with as many CERT folks as possible,” Rundquist states. “I want to know what is happening across the State with the CERT program, what are our problems, challenges and solutions.”

CERT is Utah’s primary community preparedness program and is managed by the Commission on Volunteers (COV), an office of the Lt. Governor. CERT provides basic instruction in treating physical injuries immediately following a disaster and prior to the arrival of professional emergency medical attention. CERT volunteers are found in neighborhoods, schools, the workplace, and on college campuses. Since 1994, nearly 60,000 Utahns have been trained in basic disaster response skills through this program.

The upcoming schedule is as follows:

Weber County – Saturday, May 13, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Weber County Sheriff’s Office, 721 12th Street, Ogden.

Utah Conference on Service – Wednesday, May 24, 2:00 p.m., Park City Yarrow Hotel

Visit the Utah Citizen Corps website www.citizencorps.utah.gov for more CERT information.

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